## Phase I Environmental Site Assessment

## **MCF Bolton Site**

# 12 Carpenter Road Bolton, Connecticut

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The purpose of this Phase I ESA was to identify recognized environmental conditions, as defined by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Standard Practice E 1527-05, associated with the subject site. CHA has performed this Phase I ESA in general conformance with the scope and limitations of ASTM Standard Practice E 1527-05. The Phase I ESA Report has been prepared by CHA to: provide a general description of the subject site, any structures occurring thereon, and the site vicinity; discuss the current and historical usage of the property; and identify the presence or absence of recognized environmental conditions in connection with the subject site, based upon the results of historical and regulatory records reviews, interviews, and a site inspection.

The subject site consists of an approximately 100' x 100' wooded area on the eastern side of a 43.3 acre residential parent parcel. The site also includes a 20' wide access and utility easement from the site north to a paved parking lot associated with the apartment building located on the parent parcel. The parking lot is accessed from Carpenter Road. Utilities servicing the parent parcel consist of only electricity via overhead lines. The host property is bounded by Carpenter Road to the north, Bolton Center Road to the east, the Town of Manchester Water Department property and the I-384 highway to the south and southwest, and rural residential lands to the west. Historic research indicated that there have been no structures on the subject site and that the parent parcel has been used for residential purposes since the late 1950s. Prior to that time, the land was a portion of a berry farm.

The review of State and Federal regulatory databases indicated that neither the subject site nor parent parcel are listed in any of the databases searched for this investigation. Review of the regulatory database report indicated that there were a limited number of facilities/incidents reported within the specified search radii of the subject site. However, these facilities/incidents were all located at much lower elevations than the subject site, and as a result, it is not expected that the listed facilities/incidents have impacted the subject site or its intended use by MCF Communications.

This environmental assessment pertaining to the subject site identified as the MCF Bolton Site, located at 12 Carpenter Road in the Town of Bolton, Tolland County, Connecticut revealed no evidence of recognized environmental conditions to be associated with the subject site. As a result, no further environmental investigations are recommended at this time.

#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this assessment was to identify recognized environmental conditions, as defined by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Standard Practice E 1527-05, associated with the subject site. The term recognized environmental conditions is defined by ASTM as the presence or likely presence of any hazardous substance or petroleum products on a property under conditions that indicate an existing release, past release, or a material threat of a release of any hazardous substances or petroleum products into structures on the property or into the ground, groundwater, or surface water of the property. The term recognized environmental conditions is not intended to include de minimis conditions that generally do not present a material risk of harm to public health or the environment.

#### 1.2 SCOPE

The Phase I ESA Report has been prepared by CHA to: provide a general description of the subject site, any structures occurring thereon, and the site vicinity; discuss the current and historical usage of the property; and identify the presence or absence of recognized environmental conditions in connection with the subject site, based upon the results of historical and regulatory records reviews, interviews, and a site inspection.

#### 1.3 VALIDITY

CHA has performed this Phase I ESA in general conformance with the scope and limitations of ASTM Standard Practice E 1527-05.

#### 2.0 SITE DESCRIPTION & PHYSICAL SETTING

#### 2.1 SIZE

The subject site consists of an approximately 100' x 100' area on the eastern side of a 43.3 acre wooded and residential parent parcel.

#### 2.2 LOCATION

The subject site is located to the south of the residential building located at 12 Carpenter Road in the Town of Bolton, CT. The subject site is surrounded by woods on all sides. The parent parcel is bordered by Carpenter Road to the north, Bolton Center Road to the east, Town of Manchester Water Department property and the I-384 highway to the south/southwest, and wooded residential land to the west. The site location has been depicted on Figure 1, Site Location Plan. The subject site is located within a rural residential area.

#### 2.3 PROPOSED USE/DEVELOPMENT

The proposed use and/or development of the subject site is development as a telecommunications compound including the installation of a tower (specifications are unknown at this time) designed for four carriers, MCF equipment cabinets on a 5' x 10' concrete slab. The yard surface will be covered by a crushed stone treatment and the yard will be enclosed by a six foot chain link fence. A 20' wide gravel access road will be constructed from the subject site north to Carpenter Road (Photo 2).

#### 2.4 EXISTING FEATURES

The subject site is vacant undeveloped wooded land (Photo 1) on the south side of a four-unit residential structure.

#### 2.5 NEIGHBORING PROPERTIES

The subject site is located in a rural residential area. The site is bounded by the features and uses indicated below.

- North Carpenter Road, residences
- South Woods leading to the I-384 highway
- East Woods leading to residences along Bolton Center Road
- West Undeveloped wooded land

#### 2.6 TOPOGRAPHY & ELEVATION

The USGS, 7.5 Minute Series Topographic Map, Rockville Quadrangle, indicates that the approximate elevation of the subject site is 568 feet above mean sea level (AMSL). The subject site is located at a high point with topography sloping downward from the site in all directions. No unusual topographic features were noted on the subject site or parent parcel at the time of the site inspection.

#### 2.7 GEOLOGY & HYDROLOGY

The USDA Soil Survey for Tolland County indicates that the soils of the subject site are classified as Paxton fine sandy loam. This soil type consists of well drained soils with moderately fine textures. Subordinate soil types consist of similar materials.

The actual direction of groundwater flow beneath the subject site has not been physically verified; however, based on regional topography, groundwater in the area of the subject site is assumed to flow generally to the north/northwest. Surface runoff also appears to be directed via natural topography away from the site in any direction.

There was no evidence of wetlands identified at the subject site at the time of the site inspection.

#### 2.8 RADON

According to the USEPA Radon database the average basement radon level in the area of the subject site is 2.325 pCi/l. The Federal recommended continuous exposure level is 4.0 pCi/l.

#### 3.0 SITE HISTORY

Based upon the review of standard historical references such as aerial photographs, Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, city directories, and/or historic topographical maps, local governmental records, and/or previous environmental investigation reports, CHA has determined that the property upon which the subject site is located has been undeveloped wooded land since the late 1950s. Prior to that time, the subject site was a portion of lands of a berry farm.

#### 3.1 CLIENT PROVIDED INFORMATION

No specific site information was provided to CHA by MCF Communications.

#### 3.2 STANDARD HISTORICAL SOURCES

A review of readily available historical references was performed to determine past property usage. The results of the research are summarized below and copies of the referenced materials are included in Appendix B.

#### Title Deeds

The owner of record is Terry Veo who purchased the property in October 1996. No further title information was provided to CHA during the course of this investigation.

#### Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps

A Sanborn Fire Insurance Map Report was provided by Environmental Data Resources, Inc. (EDR). The report indicated that there was no Sanborn Map coverage for the area of the subject site.

#### **Aerial Photographs**

An aerial photograph, dated April 1990, was obtained from TerraServer.com, a copy of which had been included in Appendix B. The subject site appeared as undeveloped wooded land and the northeastern corner of the parent parcel was developed with two residential structures.

#### City Directories

There were no city directory listings for the host property.

#### **Historical Topographic Maps**

Historic topographic maps for the Rockville Quadrangle, dated 1984, 1972, and 1967, were provided by EDR. The subject site was depicted as unimproved land in all of the topographic maps.

#### 3.3 LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES

#### Town of Bolton Assessor's Office

The Town of Bolton Assessor's Office provided the following information relative to the parent parcel:

- Tax Parcel ID Map 6, Block, Lot 11.
- 43.3 acres of residentially zoned land.
- The parent parcel utilizes a private water supply and private septic system.
- The parent parcel is improved with a two-story, four-unit apartment house built in 1954.

#### Town of Bolton Building Department

The Building Department indicated that there were no files for the parent parcel.

#### 3.4 PREVIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL INVESTIGATIONS

No reports of previous environmental investigations for the subject site were made available to CHA during the course of this project.

#### 3.5 SITE CONTACT INTERVIEW

Ms. Terry Veo, the property owner, was interviewed via telephone on February 9, 2006. Ms. Veo stated that the subject site was wooded unimproved land at the time of her purchase in 1996 and has remained as such since that time. She further stated that there has been no dumping or burial of materials on the subject site. There have been no underground or aboveground storage tanks formerly or currently associated with the subject site. There have been no spills or releases reported for the subject site.

Ms. Veo has in her possession an older aerial photograph, of unknown date, that depicts the parent parcel as a farm. Ms Veo stated that the area of the subject site was observed to be a clearing surrounded by trees and brush. There were no structures or improvements observed at the site.

#### 4.0 CURRENT ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

On January 19, 2006, CHA conducted an inspection of the subject site. The site was examined, photographs were taken (Appendix A), and neighboring land uses were noted. The results of the inspection are detailed below.

**Tanks:** There was no evidence of underground or aboveground storage tanks observed on the subject site at the time of the site inspection.

Chemicals/Hazardous Materials: There was no evidence of hazardous materials or chemicals observed on the subject site at the time of the site inspection.

**PCBs:** There was no evidence of aged electrical equipment likely to contain PCBs observed on the subject site at the time of the site inspection.

Pits, Ponds, & Lagoons: There were no pits, ponds, or lagoons observed on the subject site at the time of the site inspection.

Stressed Vegetation: There was no evidence of stressed vegetation on the subject site at the time of the site inspection.

Staining: There was no staining observed on the subject site at the time of the site inspection.

Chemical Odors: There were no odors noted on the subject site at the time of the site inspection.

**Solid Waste Disposal:** There was no waste disposal noted on the subject site at the time of the site inspection.

Waste Water: No waste waters were generated at the subject site at the time of the site inspection.

Wells & Water Supply: There were no water wells or water supply wells observed on the subject site at the time of the site inspection.

Lead-Based Paint: There were no lead-based paint issues identified at the subject site at the time of the site inspection.

Suspect Asbestos-Containing Materials: There were no asbestos issues identified at the time of the site inspection.

#### 5.0 REGULATORY DATABASE REVIEW

Environmental regulatory agency records were searched through the use of State and Federal databases accessed and summarized through the services of EDR. The databases searched and their respective search radii are as follows:

- Federal NPL list, active and de-listed(1.0 mile)
- Federal CERCLIS list and No Further Remedial Action Planned list (0.5 miles)
- Federal RCRA TSDF Corrective Actions list (1.0 mile)
- Federal RCRA TSDF Non-Corrective Action list (0.5 miles)
- Federal RCRA hazardous waste generator list (0.25 miles)
- Federal Emergency Response spill list (target property)
- Federal Engineering and Institutional Control Sites (0.5 miles)
- Department of Defense sites (1.0 mile)
- Federal Brownfields sites (0.5 miles)
- State list of hazardous waste sites (1.0 mile)
- State list of solid waste sites (0.5 miles)

- State registry of petroleum and chemical underground storage tank facilities (0.25 miles)
- State leaking underground storage tank registry (0.5 miles)
- State spills inventory (0.5 miles)
- Institutional control sites, voluntary cleanup sites, and State Brownfield sites (0.5miles)
- Tribal Records (1.0 mile)
- Coal Gas sites (1.0 mile)

The information contained in the EDR report is summarized below, and a copy of the regulatory database report is included in Appendix C.

**Subject Site:** The subject site and parent property were not listed in any of the databases searched for this investigation.

Adjacent Properties/Site Vicinity: Incidents/facilities identified within specified search radii of the subject site are listed below. Details specific to each listing are contained in the EDR report in Appendix C. It should be noted that all of the listed incidents/facilities are located at lower elevations than the subject site, and as a result, are not expected to impact the subject site.

- Mike's Citgo, 1135 Boston Turnpike LUST 2/15/94, status recorded; spill 6/20/99, gasoline, closed
- 22 Carpenter Road spill 4/9/05, transformer oil, closed
- 14 Carpenter Road spill 12/15/98, fuel oil, closed
- 10 Riga Lane spill 6/25/04, fuel oil, closed
- 94 Finley Street spill 6/11/04, oil, closed
- Route 44 gas station contaminated well
- 65 Finley Street spill, date unrecorded, fuel oil, closed
- 55 Finley Street spill 8/3/93, chlorodane, contained and closed
- Syndet, address unrecorded former industrial chemical discharge to ground
- 129 Bolton Turnpike spill 7/9/00, gasoline, closed
- 1121 East Middle Turnpike State discovery and assessment site, hydrocarbons and/or fuel oil release, status unrecorded
- CTDOT salt storage registered covered salt storage facility

#### 6.0 OPINIONS/CONCLUSIONS/RECOMMENDATIONS

CHA has performed this Phase I ESA in general conformance with the scope and limitations of ASTM Standard Practice E 1527-05. Any exceptions to, or deletions from, these practices are described in Section 1.0 of this report.

#### 6.1 OPINIONS

CHA presents the following opinions based on the research and field observations made at the time of the site inspection:

- The subject site is a 100' x 100' wooded area on the eastern side of a residentially zoned lot. There were no on-site sources of contamination identified during this investigation.
- There were no off-site sources of contamination identified during this investigation.
- There did not appear to be any significant data gaps encountered which hindered CHA's ability to evaluate or identify recognized environmental conditions associated with the subject site.

#### 6.2 CONCLUSIONS

This Phase I ESA pertaining to the subject site identified as the MCF Bolton Site located at 12 Carpenter Road in the Town of Bolton, Tolland County, Connecticut, revealed no evidence of recognized environmental conditions to be associated with the subject site.

#### 6.3 RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the conclusions presented above, no additional environmental investigations are recommended at this time.

#### 7.0 RESOURCE SUMMARY

In compiling the report summarizing this investigation, the following persons/agencies were interviewed and/or contacted and resources checked.

Environmental Data Resources, Inc.: Radius Report with GeoCheck, dated 2/7/06, contains regulatory database search findings, soils and geologic information, elevation information, radon information; Sanborn Map Report, dated 2/6/06; City Directory Abstract, dated 2/7/06; Historic Topographic Map Report, dated 2/8/06.

Town of Bolton Municipal Offices: Assessor and Building Department contacted via telephone 2/9/06.

Aerial Photograph: Photo dated April 1990 obtained from TerraServer.com via Inter-net 2/9/06.

Ms. Terry Veo: Property owner, interviewed via telephone 2/9/06.

#### 8.0 LIMITATIONS

This investigation was not intended to represent an exhaustive research of all potential hazards which may exist. The conclusions presented in this report are based on information gathered in accordance with the Scope of Services defined in Section 1.0 of the report. This report is not intended to assess the condition of the subsurface environment at the site or purport to be representative of future site conditions or events. All conclusions reflect observable conditions existing at the time of the site inspection (January 19, 2006). Information provided by the resources referenced in Section 7.0 was utilized in assessing the site. The accuracy of the



conclusions drawn from this investigation is, therefore, dependent upon the accuracy of information provided.

## 9.0 QUALIFICATIONS & CERTIFICATION

This Phase I ESA was performed by a qualified environmental scientist employed by Clough, Harbour & Associates LLP (CHA). CHA, a full service engineering consulting firm with offices throughout the eastern United States, has the resources and the capabilities to perform Phase I ESAs. The individuals responsible for the preparation of this report meet the definition of an *Environmental Professional* as defined by Section 3.3.11 of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) Standard Practice 1527-05.

This report has been prepared expressly for the use of MCF Communications, Inc. No other parties are entitled to rely upon this report unless our express written consent is first obtained. All conclusions drawn were based on CHA's review of available historical, regulatory, and site specific information pertaining to this project. Recommendations were submitted based on CHA's knowledge, experience, and professional judgement concerning Phase I ESAs.

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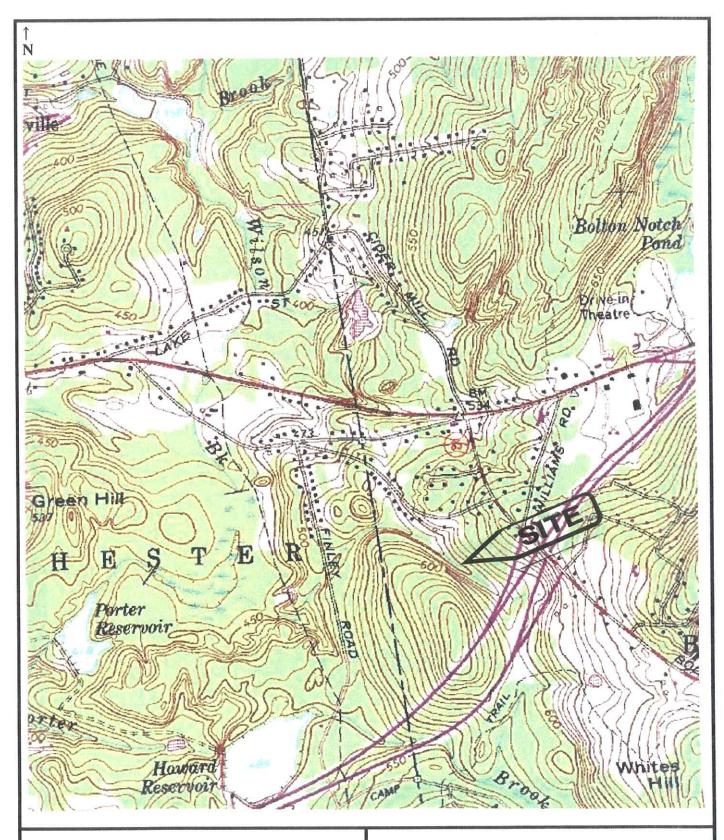
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## **FIGURES**





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TOPO QUAD: Rockville, CT SCALE: 1:24,000 Project # 14957.1002.1102 DATE: February 2006 FIGURE 1 SITE LOCATION MAP MCF Bolton Site 12 Carpenter Road Bolton, Connecticut

## APPENDIX A SITE PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1 - Compound location, tower at stake



Photo 2 - Typical of access road corridor



MCF Bolton Site 12 Carpenter Road Bolton, Connecticut Project # 14957.1002.1102

## APPENDIX B HISTORICAL RESOURCES



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#### SUMMARY

#### City Directories:

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